



North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
Steve Troxler, Commissioner

Emergency Programs Division

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Mission & Responsibilities

The NCDA&CS Emergency Programs Division's mission is to reduce the vulnerability to or the impact from any disaster, disease or terrorist attack on North Carolina's agricultural community. The division serves in a leadership capacity within NCDA&CS and works closely with local communities to support agrosecurity, agricultural emergency preparedness and recovery and rapid response technology. The division establishes public-private partnerships between government agencies, industry and volunteers to carry out this mission.

History of Division

In 2002, the Emergency Programs Division was established to develop foreign animal disease planning and response with a strong focus on biosecurity and surveillance. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 requires strengthening of domestic preparedness programs for all disasters affecting the food and agriculture sector based on the National Response Framework. Emergency Programs is the state lead for Emergency Support Function 11, which coordinates capability and resources across food and agricultural sectors for preparedness, response and recovery for all threats.

Laws & Regulations Enforced

NCGS §106-520.3A, also known as Aedin's Law, requires inspection and permitting of all animal contact exhibits at sanctioned agricultural fairs in North Carolina. NCGS §166A-19.77A and NCGS §106 Article 85 authorize Agricultural Emergency Response Teams.

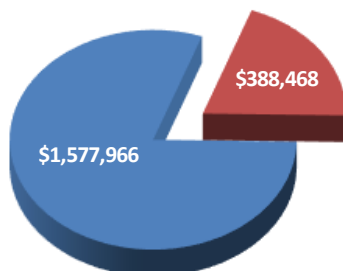
Employees

19 positions including 1 director, 2 administrative staff, 5 veterinarians, 3 field specialists, 1 IT manager, 2 programmers, 3 GIS specialists, 1 animal disease mortality specialist and 1 AERT Coordinator

2016 Accomplishments

- Managed NCDA&CS response to Hurricane Matthew, involving more than 300 personnel, for the food, agriculture, and companion animal sectors including coordination of national, state, and local resources. Also coordinated efforts related to FEMA funding of the purchase and distribution of carbon source material to help farmers dry their houses, move their mortality for final disposal and implement final mitigation steps for restocking.
- Continued implementation of the Agricultural Emergency Response Teams (AERT) Program including training volunteers and community outreach.
- Facilitated comprehensive revision of the state response plan for Avian Influenza.
- Organized the 13th Annual One Medicine Symposium: A One Medicine Approach to Emerging Diseases in December 2016.
- Revised the Firms Database to allow both the Feed and Grade "A" Milk sections to go completely paperless for their inspections; saving costs while simultaneously improving retrieving old reports. In 2016 alone more than 4000 reports were uploaded electronically.
- Assisted the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) 17 Challenge through parcel valuations, military mapping and the creation of a python toolbox to quickly calculate land cover percentages for input parcel data. Performed similar military GIS mapping that lead to the federal designation of a sentinel landscape for 33 NC counties.

FY 2016-2017 Sources of Funding



■ 80% Appropriated Funds

■ 20% Grant Funds

** Does not include \$1.6 Million in FEMA Funding for Carbon Source Material Project*

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